SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PLAYING COMMUNITY HAND POKER GAMES UTILIZING DEALER QUALIFYING CRITERIA

ABSTRACT

A system and method for facilitating play of a poker game utilizing dealer qualification criteria that impact the manner in which the game proceeds. The player(s) and dealer ante, and starting hands are dealt to the player(s) and dealer. The player may fold and lose the ante, or place a bet. The dealer's starting hand must meet qualifying criteria, such as a particular poker rank. If it does not, the dealer does not qualify, and the player(s) win the dealer's ante amount. If the dealer's starting hand qualifies, the dealer calls the players' bets, and deals a community hand. Using their respective starting hands and the community hand, each of the players and the dealer arrives at a resulting hand. If a player's resulting hand beats the dealer's based on poker rank, that player wins. Multiple betting options and/or multiple dealer qualification criteria may be implemented to enhance gaming entertainment.